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Alumna & *NYT* bestseller Cassie Beasley campus visit & reading

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The Department of Writing and Linguistics is pleased to announce that alumna [Cassie Beasley](#) will return to Georgia Southern for a craft talk and reading on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Beasley will give a craft talk at 4 p.m. in IT 2206 and a reading at 7 p.m. in IT 1005. A question and answer session will follow the reading. These events are free and open to the public. Cassie's bestselling debut novel, [Circus Mirandus](#), will be available for purchase before and after the reading.

Cassie Beasley attended Georgia Southern University and earned her MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. [Circus Mirandus](#), her first novel, was released in 2015; since then, it has been named a *New York Times* Editor's Choice and a *New York Times Book Review* Notable Children's Book of 2015. [Circus Mirandus](#) has also received starred reviews from *Kirkus Books* and *School Library Journal*, among other outlets. Librarian Sarah Reid, writing for *School Library Journal*, calls *Circus Mirandus* a "gripping fantasy tale" and says that it "will have readers hooked from the opening scene to the breathtaking—and unexpected—conclusion." Gregory Maguire, author of *Wicked*, calls it a "beguiling first novel." The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* gives *Circus Mirandus* an A+ and says, "Beasley elegantly fits together her story's many pieces, crafting a tale where magic is not an illusion but something we can all find." Beasley lives in rural Georgia with her sister, the author Kate Beasley, and when she's not writing, she helps out on the family pecan farm.

For more information about Cassie Beasley's events, please contact [Dr. Theresa Welford](#).

Beasley's visit is sponsored by the Campus Life Enrichment Committee (CLEC), the Department of Writing and Linguistics, and the Peter Christopher Fund. The Department of Writing and Linguistics is housed in the [College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences](#), Georgia Southern's College of the Creative Mind. CLASS prepares its students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity, and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, nations, and world.

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